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Rovins decides not to resign

David Rovins has revoked his resignation as Students' Society Internal Vice-President and will take office this morning.

He resigned his position just over a week ago, just two days after his win in the vice-presidential by-election. In the letter of resignation sent to Students' Society President Pomerantz at the time, Rovins explained that his decision had been prompted by a doctor's statement that he was "physically exhausted".

Rovins informed Pomerantz Saturday that he was feeling fine and that he wished to resume office.

Pomerantz agreed to Rovins' reinstatement on the grounds that Council did not have a chance to officially accept or reject the resignation. But he added that he was not "sure of the constitutionality" of his move.

"I don't really know what the hell to do," said Pomerantz. Rovins was unavailable for comment.

Rovins coasted to an easy win in the October 20 by-election on a platform that urged McGill

students "to take a stand and restore the spirit of a university that has been lost".

He also stated in his campaign literature that "the only way any platform can be effective is if nine out of ten students vote, not one out of ten." Only 10 percent of the student body voted in the by-election.

Rovins professed "deep disappointment" with the low student turn-out, wondering aloud "what do 90 percent of the students feel?"

Rovins favors a modification of the role of the Internal vice-president with less emphasis on running the union and more responsibilities in policy-making. He also feels that the Executive should introduce a policy of "helping students academically".

The vice-presidential by-election was called to fill the post left vacant when David Sprague resigned in September due to uncertainties over his acceptance to an MBA program at McGill. Sprague is now studying at the University of Western Ontario.

by arnold bennett

U de M strike ends; UQAM still out

The strike at the Université de Montréal is over, but arrangements for a return to work at the Université du Québec à Montréal have broken down.

Faculty members at UQAM voted Friday to accept the first collective agreement in the history of Quebec higher education. They expected to return to work tomorrow.

But yesterday, after the administration had refused to pay them for the time they spent on strike since October 13, the faculty members voted to continue picketing and not to resume classes.

The U de M office and lab workers voted by 456 to 60 last night to accept the latest administration contract offer. The university reopens today and classes should resume tomorrow.

The contract does not contain much improvement as far as wages are concerned. Wage increases range from five to 18 per cent, far below the union's demand of parity with wages at Laval University.

But the maternity leaves and other fringe benefits under the agreement are better than those at other Quebec universities. The negotiators reached a compromise on job security. Workers will have job security after one year, instead of after 18 months or six months.

The U de M negotiations were mediated by Quebec labour ministry representative Yvan Dansereau. The 950 workers had been on strike since October 4.

At UQAM faculty members obtained complete job security for those with a master's degree or four years' experience. Teachers with less than four years' experience will be on probation. The university's original offer was permanent

status after five years' experience.

This clause gives the teachers one of the best tenure systems in North America. Only about 20 per cent of McGill faculty members have tenure, almost all of them are at least associate professors.

Three teachers will be elected to sit on the administration board of UQAM. They will represent the teachers in matters concerning education and will be recognized as union representatives.

But the strike will continue until a back-to-work settlement is reached.

The UQAM strikers have had the support of students and maintenance workers since the beginning of the strike. The McGill Faculty Union has contributed picketers for the past week and a half.

Student and faculty organizations at the U de M backed the union there throughout the strike. Students and professors, as well as delegations from UQAM, Laval and McGill, helped out on the picket lines.

One thousand students demonstrated Thursday at the Montreal office of the Ministry of Labour. They demanded an end to the strike on the union's terms. They said they wanted a return to classes, but not if it meant a back-to-work injunction.

The McGill delegation to aid the U de M picketers was organized too late to be more than a token gesture. It went to the U de M Saturday, by which time the strike was virtually over.

But the handful of McGill students were greeted by smiles and waves from passing U de M students. They bore a sign with the slogan: "Oui, nous sommes ici. Solidarité McGill."



daily photo by harold rosenberg

Fifteen thousand demonstrators attempted to march on La Presse Friday night. At the corner of Craig and St-Denis, they were blocked by riot police, who were attempting to enforce Drapeau's anti-demonstration by-law. The result: one woman dead, 230 demonstrators and 100 policemen injured. See story, page three, and special La Presse supplement, pages five to eight.

LEAN AND HUNGRY/BY GEORGE KOPP

THE NEW YORK TIMES HAS REPORTED THAT NUMEROUS HOMES HAVE BEEN BUILT ON RADIO-ACTIVE LAND FILL OBTAINED FROM URANIUM MILLS.

FOR NEXT TO NOTHING. DON'T FORGET TO MENTION THAT,

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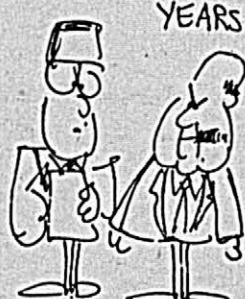
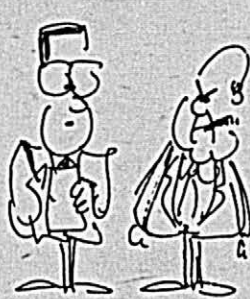
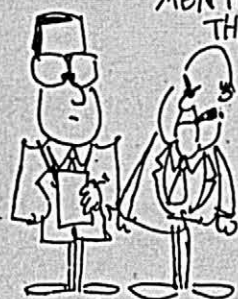
I WAS THINKING OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THESE PLACES. ARE THEY IN DANGER?

ABSOLUTELY NOT! SO LONG AS THEY TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS.

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TODAY

PRE-MED INFO: Rap with Med students. McIntyre 620: 1-2.

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HILLEL: Israeli dancing instruction, beginners and more advanced. 3460 Stanley. 8:30 pm.

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La Presse: a beginning

"The next time, we'll use steel pipes to hold up our placards . . . and they won't push us around again."

These were the words of Louis Laberge, president of the Quebec Federation of Labour, after the confrontation last Friday night between fifteen thousand demonstrators and the Montreal riot-squad.

The demonstrators began at Carre St-Louis, and its objective was to reach the closed-down *La Presse* building on the corner of St-Jacques and St. Lawrence. The purpose of the demonstration was to show solidarity with the 325 *La Presse* workers, locked-out since July 19 in their dispute with North America's largest French-language daily following stalled contract negotiations between management and the typographers, stereo-typers, engravers and mailroom personnel.

The central issue in the dispute is *La Presse's* attempt to automate production. Management resorted to the lock-out and brought in scab labor in order to break the power of the unions.

Last Wednesday *La Presse* suspended publication 'indefinitely', giving as reason the 'campaign of violence waged

Tomorrow or Wednesday will be a day of mourning at CEGEP Vieux-Montréal.

The political action committee of the junior college yesterday invited all Quebec students to join them in mourning the death of Mme Michèle Gauthier, a student at Vieux-Montréal.

Mme Gauthier died Friday night of an asthma attack precipitated by a police charge into a crowd of demonstrators of which she and her husband were part.

"When the police attacked, she took fright and the anguish caused the crisis which she then suffered," said 27-year-old widower M. Michel Gauthier.

The young woman was taken to a nearby hospital which unfortunately was unequipped to handle her case because it

had no emergency facility and apparently no doctor on duty. By the time her friends got her to a larger hospital, she was very near death.

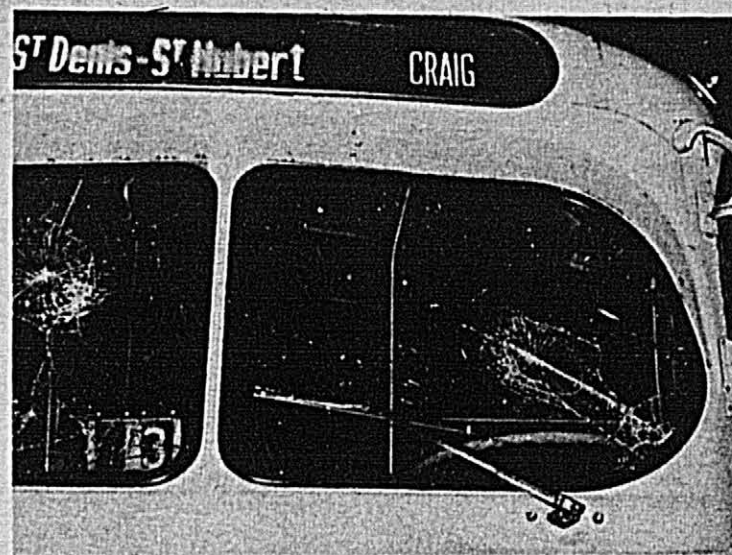
"It's a murder, a real murder," said Louis Laberge, president of the Quebec Federation of Labour and a leader of Friday's protest march on *La Presse*. "This young woman is the first victim of the dictator Jean Drapeau's anti-demonstration by-law."

Leaders of Quebec's three largest trade union centrals, the QFL, the Confederation of National Trade Unions and the Quebec Teachers' Corporation, have invited all Quebec workers to be present at Mme Gauthier's funeral services, which will take place in Sainte-Rosalie at 10 am Tuesday.

by the unions.

The newspaper, which is Quebec's largest, is owned by the gigantic Gelco-Gesca-Power Corporation conglomerate headed by Paul Desmarais and Jean Parisien. Power subsidiaries have been involved in some of Quebec's bitterest labor disputes over the last decade.

Last Wednesday night, the City of Montreal invoked its notorious anti-demonstration by-law (enacted in November 1969 following a series of militant demonstrations) to outlaw demonstrations in the vicinity of the *La Presse* building. The by-law was declared *ultra vires* by a judge of the Quebec Superior Court in June 1970, but that



decision is still under appeal by the city.

Laberge made it quite clear in a press conference that the unions had no intention of respecting the city's ban on their planned march. He reiterated that the target of the demonstration was the strike-bound plant.

The march, which brought together militants from the Quebec Federation of Labour, the Confederation of National Trade Unions, and the Quebec Teachers' Corporation, left Carré St-Louis at 7:45 pm and made its way slowly down St. Denis, before being stopped by riot-squad police and barriers consisting of empty MUCTC buses and steel crowd-control fences.

It took an hour for the massive demonstration to reach the corner of Craig Street where the marchers were confronted by hundreds of Montreal Police armed with three-foot clubs and tear-gas. The lines of demonstrators stretched up ten city blocks on St. Denis filling the street from curb-to-curb. When the head of the march reached the police barricades which were set up only two blocks away from the Power Corp.-controlled plant on Craig, the tail-end was just crossing Sher-

brooke.

The demonstration itself was extremely well-organized. Union men were posted at various intervals along the way with walkie-talkies so that all parts of the mammoth march were constantly in contact with the head. Parade marshals were also easily identifiable by their white armbands with the letters CEQ, FTQ, and CSN (the initials of the unions) stencilled on them.

The ranks of the marchers included the Lapalme drivers, striking teachers from the Université de Montréal, sympathetic students, members of various Quebec radical groups, some Montreal Fire Department members who arrived at the demonstration in their firetrucks with the sirens screaming and, of course, thousands of rank and file union members.

Demonstrators linked arms and marched twenty-abreast down St-Denis which was cordoned off on both sides by barricades and police. Police also patrolled the side streets off St-Denis. When the marchers passed by the police barricades they taunted the police with chants of 'naisieux, naisieux' and some marchers hurled sticks and placards at them. But

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LETTERS

Throwing Pavlov to the dogs

Sir,
Sheldon Goldfarb gives us a heroic lesson from "materialist physiologist I. P. Pavlov" knocking (revisionist?) Chomsky. "Conditioned reflexes are the basis of our habits, our education, and our whole disciplined conduct." Damn socialists for their incapacity to roll with the truth as it catches up with us!

It doesn't take Chomsky to show the deficiencies in the Pavlovian-Skinnerian approach. It only takes baby physiology and baby mathematics.

Conditioned reflexes depend upon the strengthening and weakening of interneural connections. (The Hebbian model neglects the necessity for interneural connections to weaken as well as strengthen.) There are ten billion neurons. It is impossible for all of them to be connected together. In fact, so few of them are connected that there are more ways they could be linked than there are atoms in the universe. The connection matrix of the human brain is highly non-random. Where does that lead us?

A specific kind of connection structure makes certain kinds of conditioned associations easy to establish, other associations difficult to establish, and other kinds impossible to establish. *Different neural structures favor different kinds of learning*, given even identical stimuli and conditioning environments.

If you don't believe me Sheldon, how come dogs who live in French houses don't learn French when babies who live in French houses do? That is an extreme case of neural dissimilarity, but even people aren't genetically identical and consequently their brain mechanisms aren't identical.

Given identical conditioning contingencies from birth no two people would develop the same associations. If you rewired a baby's brain so that its connection matrix was slightly "human-abnormal" he would not grow up learning English, French or any other human language, no matter what Pavlovian contingencies you used. He would grow up to be an idiot or a socialist or something. The earth revolves around the sun in spite of the Pope, and your grammar decoders are wired into your head in spite of the heroic thoughts of Pavlov. It took ten million years to evolve that wiring pattern.

Associations don't drop from the skies, Sheldon. Associations develop within the constraints imposed by the structure which does the associating. Whoever is teaching socialists how to salivate these days is missing the bell.

Don Kingsbury
Math Department

Vision does not include Kuwait

Sir,
You reported in last Monday's paper on remarks I made preceding those of Eric Kierans last Friday at the Hyde Park session organized by the Debating Union.

The sarcasm of the latter part of the *Daily* story (I don't mind being called "visionary") is quite all right; the inaccuracy is not.

It is correctly noted that, to meet the current American economic blackmail, I urged the imposition of our own surtax on the 75 percent of our exports to the U.S. on which Washington does not want to see prices rise (the intracorporate resource shipments); that I suggested expropriation and nationalization of the vast subsidiary automotive facilities, and the conversion of these to production of a new optimal car of our own design; and that I sounded a warning on the rip-off of our \$350-billion-worth of arctic oil, which is imminent.

I did not, however, say: "We can make Canada another Kuwait". As well your reporter knows, I pointed to Kuwait as an example of a country which is living off its bountiful endowment of oil, and which has at least statistically achieved the highest per-capita income in the world. But I explicitly stated: "That income is of course averaged between the sheiks and the peons".

In proposing socialist options for Canada, I think it can be assumed that I envision rather a different order of wealth distribution.

Stephen Wohl

Open letter to students opposing *Daily* policy

Sir,
For the first time in a too-long while, the *Daily* is dealing with problems of which most of us are shamefully ignorant, and if you do not realize that you, as human beings, will inherit the fruits of your indifference, you deserve what you get. If Open House is more important to you than what is going on in the world outside Roddick Gates (... But I read the *Gazette* faithfully!), you shall be brutally disappointed when these illusions of life burn before your eyes and it's too late.

Marc Gold BA 4

Sir,
I have no complaint about the *Daily's* point of view, much less

its advocacy style of journalism — as long as both remain consistent.

It strikes me as inconsistent for a newspaper which is anti-American, anti-business, anti-capitalist, anti-rich and anti-exploitation to carry a column on American professional football, a multi-million dollar conglomerate if there ever was one.

I have looked in vain for signs of satire in the column.

Jim Hooper,
MA Political Science

Why not rob 'em wholesale?

Sir,
I read with dismay in Thursday's *Daily* of the Senate proposal to increase foreign student fees to \$2500 while lowering those for Canadian students to \$500. I fully appreciate that the University is in desperate financial straits; that many Canadians are concerned about the "Americanization" of their universities; and that many Canadians are also upset at seeing foreign students, who pay no taxes towards the University's support, benefit from the same fees as tax-paying Canadians. However, the foreign student fee proposed is nothing short of highway robbery. For only \$150 more in tuition fees, a non-Canadian student could attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which has a reputation throughout the States as an expensive university, and which has facilities and staff that would turn most McGill students green with envy.

Is the McGill administration aware that many state universities south of the border have for years operated under a dual fee structure, with one fee for state residents and the other for out-of-state students? These systems were set up to assure some sort of priority for state residents and to make the non-resident students compensate in some way for the fact that they do not pay state taxes, objectives which appear similar to McGill's. In the interests of academic research, I did a little digging among state university catalogues in the library, sampling seven states from among those that use this system. These seven states were well-distributed geographically and from the point of view of size, many being comparable to McGill on the latter point. Among the seven the average fees were \$414 for resident students and \$1440 for non-resident students; the highest non-resident fee charged was \$2200 (at Vermont, the smallest of the seven), which was several hundred dollars above any of the others. In short, a non-resident fee of slightly over three times the resident fee seems to be an acceptable and tested for-

mula. Why not then a non-resident fee of \$1500-\$1600 at McGill?

It remains to fathom the reason for proposing such a high fee for non-Canadian students. Anti-Americanism obviously plays a part, but one must remember that *all* foreign students, including many Africans and Asians who come here with the bare minimum of funds, would be affected. Obviously a \$2500 fee would simply drive away many students of limited means, American and otherwise, and could almost eliminate the foreign student population. The truth, I fear, is that McGill does not really want ANY foreign students, preferring to maintain its Canadian purity unsullied by outside contamination and to keep its tax money for the "education" of Canadians in a nationalistic isolation chamber. I would be sorry to see this attitude take hold, for much of my personal education here at university has taken place through contact with people of widely varied backgrounds, national and otherwise. I fear that a university that systematically excluded foreign students by an exorbitant tuition fee would soon become ingrown and narrow-minded, producing pseudo-educated people wearing a set of nationalistic blinders (haven't we seen enough of this in some Americans?). But McGill may well follow this course, and with its 98 percent Canadian student body it could presumably contemplate its navel in peace and financial plenty. It might even find a sort of nirvana as it slowly became a fifth-rate backwater of a university.

Diana C. Bouchard
M.A.2

Here is the fee information I used:

Indiana University: resident, \$650; non-resident, \$1490.

University of Michigan: resident, \$480; non-resident, \$1540.

University of North Carolina: resident, \$410; non-resident, \$950.

University of Maryland: resident, \$225; non-resident, \$910.

University of Colorado: resident, \$439; non-resident, \$1393.

University of Vermont: resident, \$600; non-resident, \$2200.

University of Oregon: resident, \$507; non-resident, \$1605.

La Presse: a dossier



Why did 15,000 people descend into the streets of Montreal Friday night to protest the locking out of a few hundred La Presse employees? Why did hundreds fight a pitched battle with the heavily-armed Montreal riot squad, so determined were they to reach their objective?

The articles that follow attempt to show why people are angry at La Presse and the giant conglomerate that controls it. They show that conglomerate has tentacles reaching into every aspect of Quebec life, making profits at the expense of the most basic rights of workers. And how the way news is managed at La Presse reflects the interests of those who reap the profits as against those who produce the goods.

The Quebec labor scene has not been so turbulent in years. Massive layoffs, plant shutdowns, the increasingly inefficient use of the productive resources of Quebec society by those who wield economic power—these trends have provoked an increasingly militant response from those who "stand outcast and starving midst the wonders (they) have made", to quote an old union song that overstates the case at this time but may be prophetic. . .

Power Corporation, with its ties to big English-Canadian and American interests, is a representative of the tiny class which has had a monopoly of political and economic power in Quebec for decades. Friday's demonstration represents a continuation and an escalation of the struggle to end this domination: a struggle for *national* liberation, not just for higher wages. That is why students, teachers and workers alike, people of all language and racial groups, were present in Friday's march. And that is why so many people were ready to stand up and fight Drapeau's cops when they blocked the way.

It is becoming more and more difficult for conglomerates like Power Corporation and their servants in government to camouflage the exercise of their political and economic power. Layoffs, lockouts, clubbings, a woman killed—these are acts of brutality against ordinary people in Quebec. More and more, it becomes impossible not to take sides in the struggle—

"They say in Hatlan County, there are no neutrals there, You'll either be a union man or a thug for J.H. Blair."

Managing the news at La Presse

The following is a translation of an article prepared by the Syndicat général des communications, section La Presse (CSN), the La Presse journalists' union.

It is not our intention here to write a melodrama accusing Power Corporation of wanting to manage the news at La Presse.

But . . . legally, nothing can force the owners of La Presse to publish this or that piece of news; to run the classified ads on page one, and the political news on the second last page. In this sense, news management is within the power of La Presse's owners. Let us examine how they exercise that power.

Since this summer's lock-out, the situation has deteriorated to such an extent that the Syndicat général des communications, La Presse section (CNTU) has no recourse but to warn the population against the biased and truncated news published in La Presse.

Prior to the seven-month 1964 lock-out, the La Presse of the Quiet Revolution was a "muckraker": conforming to the liberal tradition dear to Anglo-Saxon hearts, it played the role of "watchdog of democracy". Was the 1964 lock-out "political"? The fact remains that La Presse displeased certain members of the government, and the management felt that the reporters enjoyed too wide a margin of freedom. The post-strike La Presse was never the same. And it seems that every new anti-union campaign launched by La Presse management is dedicated to the further erosion of the quality of news published.

There were a number of steps taken by management between 1964 and the anti-union offensive of summer 1971 to tighten their control of the news:

- 1- The firing of Gérard Pelletier and the elimination of the position of editor-in-chief. In firing him the management eliminated an annoying intermediary who protected the journalists from their continual interventions.
- 2- The de-unionizing of the desk-chiefs. They were replaced by "assistant news directors" who because they enjoyed no job security were more easily influenced by directives from the "fourth floor".
- 3- Elimination of the jobs of political reporters. For instance, Gérard Pelletier's La Presse had seven reporters in the Quebec Parliament. Today there are only three.
- 4- The increase of de-unionization: under Gérard Pelletier, besides the job of editor-in-chief, there were only four other non-syndicated jobs. Today, there are

fourteen. The decisions are thus being taken by a group of people who have no protection and decreasing freedom, in the face of management pressure.

Since the lock-out: the offensive on the editorial room

The question arises, how does one begin controlling news in the editorial room? The following examples give a better understanding of the unfolding of the operation.

Direct censorship—"the scissors" are quite useful. But it is always embarrassing to suppress totally a piece of news (a speech, a press conference, etc. . .) that all other Montreal newspapers deal with.

There are much subtler ways of manipulating the news: by exaggerating certain aspects which are secondary in importance, and relegating important news to obscure corners (which is often the same as not printing it at all); and finally,

by suppressing articles not directly linked with the latest events (analyses, inquiries).

There is a phenomenon which we call "auto-censorship". Since the beginning of the lock-out, (and this tendency has increased lately) countless projects, reports and inquiries have been refused by the directors: "lack of space", "shortage of money", etc. . . And these repeated refusals create a certain atmosphere: in the editorial room, there is no longer much point in thinking up new projects, when they will certainly all be rejected. Articles are no longer written when it is known that they will end up in the waste-paper basket. To the list of censorship cases and truncated reports must now be added articles that have never seen the light of day.

Rather than fight to accumulate, on the desks of the directors, useless articles, the syndicated workers of the editorial room feel that it is preferable to take steps towards changing the existing

situation at La Presse. The publication of this file is the first step towards this goal.

The War Budget . . . and its Effects on the News

Declaration of the syndicate of reporters of La Presse (representing 180 employees in the editorial room) in September:

"The directors of La Presse have deliberately placed their news service in an unacceptable situation, with the obvious wish to widen the offensive which it had launched against its skilled workers. Not only are the members of the editorial room working in deplorable conditions, but also they are confronted with a refusal of the necessary means to accomplish their task of informing completely and adequately the population."

Already, the previous spring, the editorial budget had been sizeably reduced by the administration, which seemed more influenced by the groups responsible for publicity and marketing than by the direction of news, which was of little concern to the administration council. La Presse was creating a "war budget". There was no money to send out a photographer to cover a story, but a dozen or so closed-circuit television cameras had been installed around the building, and a real little "army" of security guards and "muscle" taxi drivers were hired at a high cost.

In the editorial department, the conflict brought about the following repercussions:

- 1- Overtime is strictly forbidden except in very rare cases. Concretely, this means that through lack of time, the reporters in an affected section cannot go beyond the surface in their inquiries, and once the week is over, they must "drop" events which should have been covered.
- 2- La Presse, anxious as ever to maximize profits, gives priority to publicity more abusively than ever. The space normally allocated to news is reduced more and more. Also the excuse of "lack of space" is a perfect ploy to control the news so that it harmonizes with the superior interests of Power Corporation.
- 3- Reports from outside Montreal have been virtually eliminated, since the beginning of the lock-out. La Presse exaggerates certain reports from "our special envoy" only 30 or 40 miles outside Montreal.
- 4- When a reporter resigns, the directors, instead of worrying, are pleased at a chance to "economize" further. He is not replaced. Therefore, through lack of time and staff, it becomes impossible to undertake in-depth reportage.
- 5- The directors do not hesitate to harass the members of the editorial room on anything at all: Since the lock-out, these new attitudes have become evident everywhere in the news service: one director would tear up an article under

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were only covered on the insistence of journalists specializing in different sorts of coverage.

The management also refused to send a reporter to cover Castonguay's speaking tour on Bill 65. *La Presse* had to suffer the added humiliation of a government offer to cover the costs of sending a reporter. It was not until the public affairs department exerted strong pressure that a reporter was finally sent... but at the last minute — the eve of the speaking tour.

Badly covered events

By now, people have lost count of the events which have not received adequate coverage for reasons other than money or space shortages or which have been buried in the back pages of the paper or hidden by ads.

Is *La Presse*, more openly than before, depoliticizing information, systematically giving priority to general news and uncontroversial stories?

A few facts give the reader an idea of what is going on. And let's remember that this is hardly an exhaustive list...

■ September and October: The proposed law on the restructuring of the school system started a vigorous debate

to cover the Chambers of Commerce and neglects, on the other hand, events which have clear political and social overtones. Why the double standard? Why twelve reporters in the business and finance section and only one for labor?

What does one say about editorial departments that are usually—conflict or not—denied priority in terms of space? In the political department (Montreal and Quebec) unpublished articles abound, the last to date was a report of the NDP conference which came from Canadian Press (because the *La Presse* reporter was asked to leave the conference). In the international section, already one of the sections most often deprived of space, the columns allotted to news are reduced by a third or a half each day, and, except for really important events (like Indochina or Ireland) important articles are so often left out that *Montreal Matin* is now supplying better foreign coverage than *La Presse*.

Cases of Direct Censorship

Can one attribute these cases to the notorious incompetence of the majority of the administration? Can they be attributed to some sort of conscious plan? Can they be put down to orders from the paper's management? Doubtless all these things enter into it. But we should keep in mind that these articles which

and most of the positions taken by the various groups on this subject make page one or page three of the large dailies (*The Star*, *The Gazette*, *Le Devoir* and even the Quebec *Soleil* even though this was an issue that affected Montreal primarily.) At *La Presse* almost all the articles dealing with this were published in the last two sections of the paper, and the reporters were given the order to "make it short". The same thing happened to articles dealing with the strikes which paralyzed Montreal's two French-speaking universities: the articles (already shortened) were for the most part buried in the back pages.

■ While the reporters at the Quebec bureau are subject to almost incessant harassment from management, at the Ottawa bureau the parliamentary reporters are more or less ignored by "news management". From one extreme to the other...

■ While events of importance were ignored, as the list above shows, while various editorial departments are forced to explain, with supporting documents, why it is necessary to cover this or that parliamentary commission (something which would ordinarily leap to our attention) the news managers expressly ask the business and finance department to give the best possible coverage of conferences of Chambers of Commerce (The Quebec conference in Ste-Adèle, and the Canadian conference at Quebec in September). Journalists are all conscious of the need to cover conferences of Chambers of Commerce, that goes without saying. But one might also ask why management tries, on the one hand



are hacked apart, these omissions, these badly worded or clearly biased headlines, the projects left undone, these things always happen the same way, that's to say, according to the interests of the ruling order.

An article dated August 12 tells of a peculiar and perhaps revealing incident (ex-minister Lucien Cléche had sent his picture to the paper in case "rumors to the effect I have been named a member of the James Bay Society are confirmed"). The article didn't appear for the same "good reasons" as always... because a member of the management wanted guarantees that the letterhead was authentic. This incident evokes a phenomenon that has been more and more common at *La Presse* the past few years; for reasons of caution all references which are even a little humorous, without being allegations about anyone, and which would only serve to lighten the paper, have been eliminated. The same thing holds true for many of the articles

the eyes of its author, another would "sermonize" the veteran reporters in a way which certainly discouraged dialogue, confidence and cooperation ("Do I have to show you how to do your job?").

The atmosphere is now completely rotten. There isn't one journalist who is not convinced that the quality of the information is the least worry of the news directors.

6- Since the beginning of the lock-out, the directors have changed the schedules of some twenty reporters, who now belong to the evening and night staff. With only one edition a day, *La Presse* is now behind by a day in all its news reports.

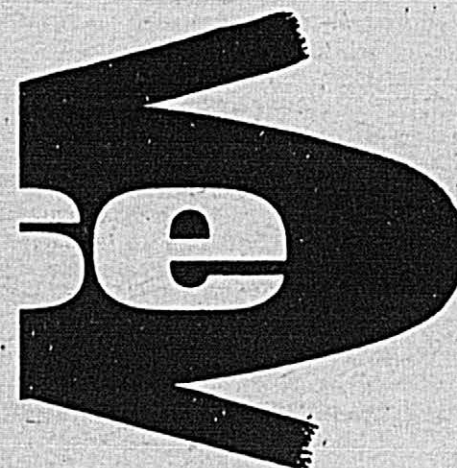


Concrete cases

Here is a partial list of important events which *La Presse* did not cover for "budget reasons", but which were nevertheless covered by much smaller newspapers:

- the Constitutional Conference in Victoria
- Trudeau's maritime tour
- the visit of the Ottawa ministerial delegation to Washington
- the Quebec Liberal caucus in Rivière-du-Loup
- Operation Dignité II in the Gaspé
- the Creditiste caucus in St-Jean-Port-Joli
- the election campaign in Alberta
- the meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Washington
- the Sturgeon Falls conflict in Ontario
- the meeting of the national council of the Parti Québécois in Chicoutimi
- the annual meeting of French-language broadcasters in Quebec City
- the Action Canada conference in Toronto

It is important to note that other events



which come from the Ottawa bureau, and for more serious reasons, for articles from the Quebec bureau.

The present conflict between the journalists at *La Patrie* and their editor-in-chief was not covered in *La Presse*, although a reporter wrote a two-and-a-half page article on the subject October 22.

At the request of the news managers the political department of *La Presse* prepared a vast article which would have been published in October. It involved a series of six articles, a retrospective analysis of October 1970. The project did not only touch on the events, but also on the trials which followed, the special status of political prisoners, the effects of the War Measures Act, and the attitudes of the governments in Ottawa and Quebec. When the news managers found out how the political department intended to write the article, they withdrew their authorization.

Is it only by chance that certain union news of secondary importance is blown up, (like the fact that the CSN will not have a chaplain any more), while other conflicts of social and political relevance are relegated to the back pages?

Is it by chance that despite the incessant work of reporters who involve themselves with these questions, mass movements and citizens' committees have so much difficulty in making their voices heard in *La Presse*?

The Power Corporation stranglehold

The following is a translation of an article prepared by the Syndicat général des communications, section La Presse (CSN), the La Presse journalists' union.

In 1960 Paul Desmarais took control of the Provincial Transport Company with six million dollars. For the 400 employees of this enterprise it was the beginning of a heated struggle to protect their union rights and their job security. Nine years earlier Desmarais had taken control of Sudbury's bus company. To make it more profitable he had required the bus drivers to rely directly on ticket sales for their salaries. This episode is indicative of the attitude of Power Corporation's directors toward the employees of its many subsidiaries.

In 1963 William Turner of Ingersoll-Rand was called in by Power Corporation to put the Inspiration Limited construction company back on a profitable base. In January 1970 Power Corporation liquidated the company, even though its gross revenues had risen from \$20 million to \$80 million. The construction company's workers were the only losers. William Turner was moved up a rung to the presidency of Consolidated-Bathurst.

Consolidated-Bathurst is Power's Quebec paper products empire. Power owns 36 percent of CB, which controls nearly 14,000 square miles of Quebec forest lands, as well as the huge Island of Anticosti. The total area of the CB lands is roughly equal to that of the Province of Nova Scotia.

But CB is a sick empire. In the last six months it has temporarily thrown 1800 employees out on the street to reduce production costs.

The list of labour conflicts against Power Corporation subsidiaries is long: Dominion Glass in June 1971 and International Envelope in 1965 both have borne witness that for Power Corporation, layoffs and lockouts are measures to blackmail Quebec workers into

reducing their demands for better salaries and job security.

Whether at Consolidated-Bathurst, Provincial Transport or La Presse, thousands of Quebec workers are forced to support the financial empire's ceaseless demand for higher profits.

Power Corporation was founded in 1925 as an adjunct to Nesbitt Thomson Securities. It specialized in the control of hydroelectric companies. By 1929 Power controlled 10 percent of the hydroelectric energy produced in Canada. In association with Shawinigan Water and Power and under the patronage of the Royal Bank of Canada, Power Corporation distributed electricity to all of Quebec except Montreal by 1960.

But the nationalization of Quebec hydroelectricity in 1963 did not hurt Power Corporation. (After all, Power's president was Peter Nesbitt Thomson, a friend of Premier Jean Lesage and treasurer of the provincial Liberal Party.)

Rather, nationalization allowed Power to get rid of electric companies which were no longer showing enough profit. With the \$35 million received from the Quebec government in compensation, Power Corporation extended its tentacles into other sectors of the Quebec economy.

■ Power had increased its holdings in Consolidated-Bathurst to 35 percent by last year. CB, with more than 5000 employees, is the third largest pulp-and-paper company in Canada.

■ Dominion Glass, acquired in October 1968, constitutes one of the two most important manufacturers of glass containers in Canada.

■ Canada Steamship Lines, acquired in 1963, now operates an integrated transport system on the St. Lawrence, including a fleet of boats, shipyards in the Maritimes, a fleet of trucks and the Provincial Transport Company, transferred from another Power subsidiary.

The principal holdings of Power Corporation are concentrated in high finance.

Investors Group (Canada's leading mutual fund outfit), Great West Life (Canada's fourth biggest insurance company) and Montreal Trust (Canada's second biggest trust company) are giants in their own right and have their own subsidiaries. Great West Life, for example, owns Place Bonaventure and provided the money behind Cité Concordia, the landlord of the Milton-Park area.

Power Corporation can even make profits out of the debts of Québécois: it owns Laurentide Finance.

Power also controls Campeau Corporation Limited, an Ottawa-based construction company which does \$272 million business per year.

But Power is most notorious for its stranglehold on the Quebec French-language media. Directly or indirectly it controls 40 percent of the Quebec market in French-language dailies and weeklies, as well as 20 percent of the French airwaves. The radio chain Télémedia is tightly linked to Power Corporation.

Legally, Power Corporation as such does not own any radio stations or newspapers. But Paul Desmarais, Jean Parisien and a few others comprise Gelco, a private holding company. Gelco controls 50.01 percent of Power Corporation, but at the same time directly owns 62 percent of Journaux Trans-Canada and 100 percent of La Presse through its subsidiary, Gesca.

This tangled web of ownership has enabled Gesca to reap profits directly from La Presse, while Power Corporation is fattened by the interest on more than \$23 million in loans to Gesca.

The case of Télémedia is even more complicated. The radio chain is wholly owned by Philippe de Gaspé Beaubien and several unknown associates. But Télémedia is indebted to Power Corpo-

ration to the tune of more than seven million dollars. Again, Power makes its profits through interest.

When all the holdings are totalled, the Power Corporation empire represents at least four billion dollars in active capital.

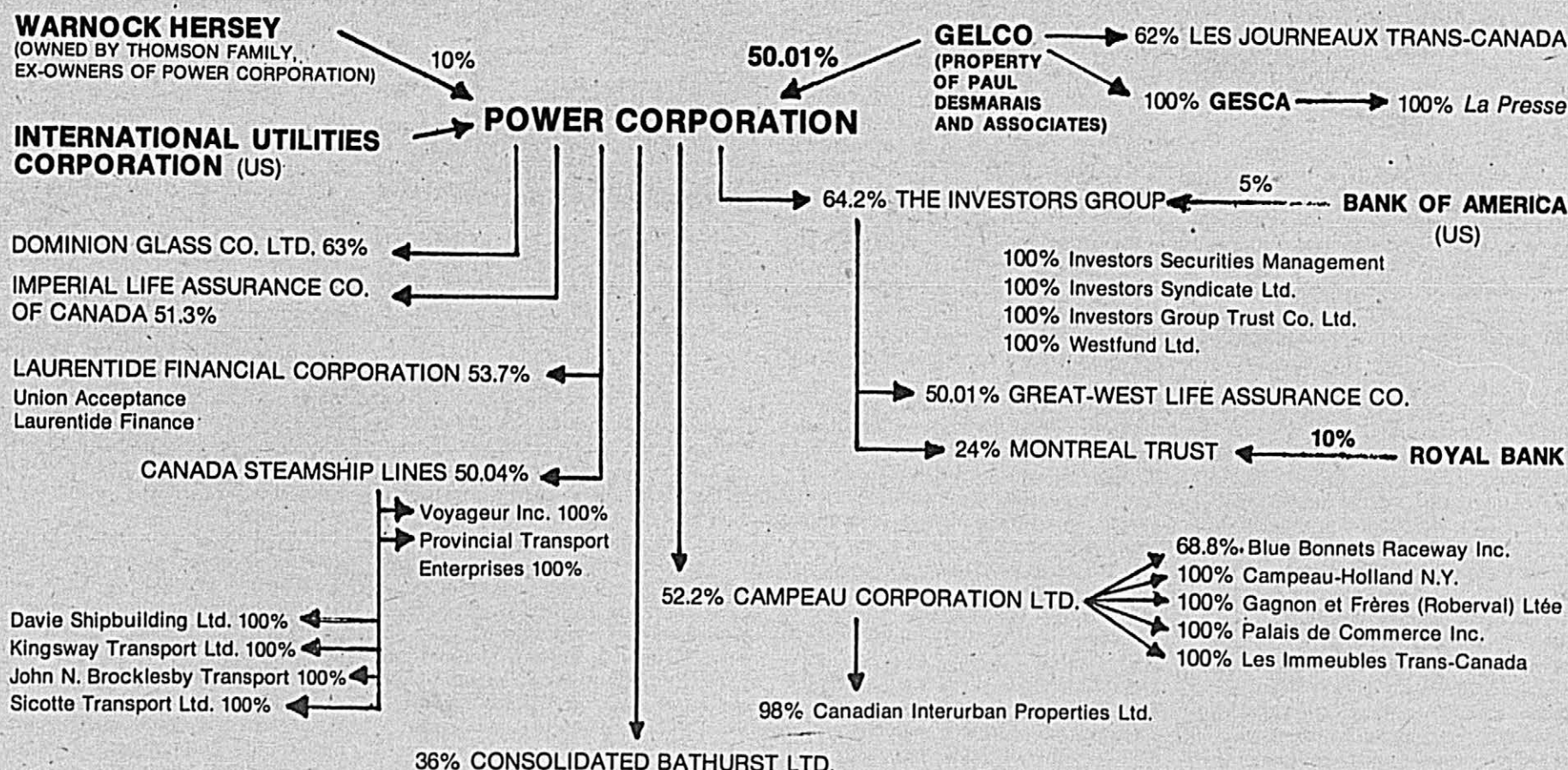
But there are even more powerful interests lurking in the background. There are numerous links between Power Corporation and the Royal Bank of Canada, which has financed the conglomerate since its birth. Power thus has access to loan capital, while the most important bank in Canada makes substantial profits in interest payments. Royal Bank's president, Earl McLaughlin, sits on Power Corporation's board of directors. He played an important role in the 1968 reorganization of the conglomerate, in which Thomson and his associates were replaced by Desmarais and Parisien.

Power Corporation is also open to other influences. The Bank of America, the largest bank in the U.S. and by extension the most important in the world, owns five percent of Investors Group. This is not much in comparison with the more than 64 percent owned by Power Corporation, but the link is there.

Power has many links with the federal and Quebec governments as well. Paul Desmarais is among the friends of Pierre Elliot Trudeau, while Claude Frenette, secretary of Power, holds the position of president of the Quebec section of the Liberal Federation of Canada. Arthur Simard, scion of the famous Liberal ship-building clan (Premier Bourassa's wife is a Simard), and Paul Martin Jr., son of the Liberal Senate leader, sit on Power's Board of Directors.

Like other monopolies of its kind, Power Corporation must have relations with the state, because the state is simply the political expression of its economic domination.

ORGANIZATION OF POWER CORPORATION



by anna dowdall

Bilingualism as conflict resolver

Bilingualism as the solution to Canada's social and economic problems was one of the themes of a lecture Thursday by Professor W.E. Lambert, a world-renowned expert in the field of psycholinguistics.

According to Professor Lambert, there is a societal disadvantage in being unilingual. He pointed out that one of the observations of the Bilingualism and Biculturalism Report was that there is an economic advantage to being bilingual, and that there is a decided trend towards education of middle-class Anglophone children in the French language. "People who have the power know how to keep this power," said Lambert.

He considers that bilingualism can eradicate ethnic differences between English and French-speaking Canadians, which lead to differences of opinion.

Lambert insisted that these differences are superficial, and that there is probably very little real difference between the two cultural groups. He made no mention however of the wide social and economic distinctions.

In the 1950's Lambert and a group of colleagues conducted a study on the relationship between the ability to learn a second language and "attitude."

They were surprised to find that American schools obtained better results with a four year programme than Canadian schools did with a seven-year programme of learning French.

Of the two-hundred Montreal high school students studied, 75 percent gave "instrumental" reasons for learning French: to get into college, get a job, etc.

Only a small minority of these students were genuinely interested in becoming familiar with the French language and culture as a whole. Within this minority, there was what Lambert termed a "Machiavellian group", whose aim it was to "case" the language, to get to know it inside-out, to better "control" the Francophone.

According to Lambert's study, which is taken to be something of a radical discovery, attitude and motivation had a great deal to do with the ease with which these students acquired a working knowledge of French.

Lambert mentioned a recent experiment, a "total immersion" of a group of English-speaking children in a completely French school system, and claimed that these students were the first "bicultural Canadians."

Their attitudes towards French and English-speaking Canadians were identical he said, which according to him proved his prior statement that the differences between the two groups are superficial.

The parents however had some misgivings, fearing that their children were becoming "too French."

According to Lambert French-Canadians have a great feeling of inferiority about the quality of the French they speak, he said, and therefore they place more emphasis on speaking French well, and not enough on becoming bilingual.

He believes that they ridicule their own dialect, because of the subtle message the government seems to be conveying to them: "The reason that you are at the bottom of the totem-pole economically, is because you're French".



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A small contingent of McGill students joined Université de Montréal picketers Saturday. Above, one McGill student sits on a barricade at one of the U de M entrances.

La Presse. . . .

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the real action had not yet begun.

When all the marchers finally reached Craig Street they were confronted by a solid line of police and riot-control fences which stopped their progress momentarily.

The time was 8:30.

From out of the midst of the crowd appeared a truck with the words 'Ca s'en vient' (It's coming) and the flag of the 1837 Patriotes stencilled on its sides. It smashed into the police barricades at about twenty miles per hour, bowling over several policemen. This signalled the beginning of the night's violent events.

The police turned their klieg-lights as a phalanx of the riot-squad made a sweep into the

crowd. Some of the demonstrators fought hand-to-hand with the police and the cops were pelted with rocks, sticks and other debris. But most of the demonstrators fled east through the adjacent Viger Square and north back up St-Denis. Most injuries occurred during the retreat as pockets of demonstrators scattered through sidestreets where they were headed off by police charges. The demonstrators were prevented from moving west into the downtown shopping and financial districts by lines of police stationed around St. Lawrence Blvd. Place des Arts was placed under heavy police guard. The Metro system was shut down by the city.

Most of the demonstrators were forced north and east and were kept away from the Friday night crowds shopping downtown. But bands of demonstrators outflanked police lines by moving west along Sherbrooke where the police presence was light. These marchers broke windows in banks on the corner of Sherbrooke and Park, and Bleury Street between St-Catherine and Sherbrooke also suffered heavy damage in the form of broken windows.

However, the main part of the march retreated up St-Denis and Berri Streets. Shop windows were smashed and countless fires were set as the police were unable to cover the whole area adequately.

On the corner of St-Catherine and Berri Streets near the Provincial Bus Terminal, demonstrators stopped an

MUCTC bus, evicted the driver and tried to overturn it. They broke most of the windows in the bus before motorcycle police arrived to sweep the area clean. Further south on Berri, marchers were more successful as an MUCTC bus was overturned and set ablaze. Windows were also broken in the Provincial Bus Station out of which Power Corp. runs a huge fleet of buses.

One McGill professor at the scene of the action compared the militancy he witnessed on Friday night to incidents he had seen at Berkeley during the middle and late sixties.

The heaviest action occurred along St-Denis Street as frustrated marchers smashed windows and ripped up telephone booths. Vandalism and looting were much in evidence as youths made off with merchandise from various shops.

Reports of violent incidents taking place as far north as St-Denis and Roy Streets were received, but by midnight, the police had secured the four square mile area.

The violence, however, was not confined to the streets. Injured protesters battled injured cops in the corridors of St. Luc Hospital, and several of the cops had to be removed from there to RVH.

A total of about 230 demonstrators and 100 cops were treated for injuries.

And, if the experience of previous Quebec labor disputes, especially ones involving Power Corp. is any guide, it's far from over yet.

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by don quixote minus sancho

Intramural playoffs begin today

computer calls the shots

Indian summer is upon us. The leaves have changed colour, gently falling to the soft green grass all over campus. A peaceful calm has settled over McGill, but this is just the calm before the storm, for the intramural football and soccer playoffs begin today.

In order to make prognostications on the results of these forthcoming encounters of skill and violence, our computer has again been programmed. It has previously chosen correctly thirteen of the sixteen teams that have advanced into the football playoffs.

Here are the computer's predictions for the first round of matches in football:

Today, there should be three one-sided games. The Talbotians, Imports, and Architects should easily handle their opponents—Flying Circus, Spectrum and Med IIB respectively.

Tomorrow the Joke Squad is seen to roll over Les Animaux, and Med IIA may reach a three figure score against the Nads. The third tilt scheduled will be an exciting, evenly matched contest with our computer predicting the Plumbers, the most spirited team in the league, squeaking past the Alesmen. The latter should not be able to bounce back from

their pitiful performance against the Grads.

On Wednesday both games should be of interest. The Grads should triumph over Med III, although the latter club will put on a good show now that Jack Sutton has joined the team. Our computer has the other contest, the Subpoenas vs. the Beaver Shooters, rated too close to call. The key to the game is the quarterbacking of the Subpoenas' Leon Maliniak.

Tonight, all games will be played in the soccer quarterfinals. In the first, our computer predicts that the Ukes will narrowly defeat the Caribbeans in the best game of the season. PGSS, Metallurgy Grads, and Nemesses will be victors in the other three matches.

Now, as promised last week, here is our profile on Guy Macarios. Guy was once a campus radical, and last year converted the Plumbers' Pot into a controversial leftist paper. This year, it appears that he has made a dramatic about-face.

He has reportedly given up politics in order to pursue happiness through athletics, and has accordingly substituted the hammer and sickle by a ping-pong racket. Though the table tennis tournament is still three weeks away, Guy has commenced training. There are, however, unconfirmed reports that he has applied for a visa to China, and is studying the Chinese language. Observers in Washington and Moscow are apprehensive about the situation, and on the lookout for a new form of ping pong diplomacy.

Intramural Quickies:

Sancho has left the intramural scene and was last seen at the Currie Gym watching John Naponick eating basketballs. . . The next article will feature the soccer all-star team. . . Play begins on Wednesday in Floor Hockey, and our computer will soon make its predictions on the season, as it will be doing for all sports. . . Today is the last day for team entries in Ice Hockey. . . Volleyball entries close tomorrow. . . In the Engineering Flagball League there could be a big upset tomorrow at noon when Metallurgy faces the new-look Combines featuring Irv Dylewski, last year's intramural athlete-of-the-year.

FOOTBALL ALL-STARS

Following is a list of players named in the first annual computerised McGill Intramural All-Star Team:

OFFENSE

Quarterback: Bill McKenna (Med IIA)

Bill is a former Redmen signal-caller and can break up any game with one of his long bombs.

Halfbacks: Ronnie Abrahams (Talbotians)

This year, his third in intramurals, Ronnie is being used for his exceptional blocking. Also his blinding speed is instrumental on the halfback option.

Bill McJannett (Beaver Shooters)

The meanest blocker in the league, Bill is also very effective on the halfback option.

Centre: Jerry "Oddjob" Trager (Beaver Shooters)

Jerry is a former Redmen Basketball player. He finds more enjoyment staying back and blocking than catching touchdown passes, although he has done both.

Ends:

Joe Dylewski (Talbotians)

Blinding speed and shifty moves led Joe to the scoring title and the first choice of our computer in the end position.

Tony Mauro (Med IIA)

Tony finished in a tie for the second position at end. He is a grass burner and excellent target for the bomb of teammate Bill McKenna.

Bob Moore (Plumbers)

Bob is the other end who tied for this position. His lightning moves can turn around any contest.

DEFENSE

Defensive Line: Dave Fleiszer (Med IIA)

Dave is a former Redmen standout. He is feared by all quarterbacks throughout the league.

Bill Gusso (Beaver Shooters)

This six-foot-five giant has made quarterbacks continuously rush their passes to keep from being trampled.

Middle Linebacker: Hurd Stein (Talbotians)

This Cote St. Luc product has broken up many a play with his athletic prowess and football sense.

Safety: Andy Patterson (Joke Squad)

With lightning speed Andy has no equal in patrolling the backfield.

Defensive Halfbacks: Garry "Grinder" Elgar (Plumbers)

Grinder is a gentleman on and off the field except, of course, when he is On and Off the Pot with Martone.

Barry Einarson (Plumbers)

Barry is good at covering the pass but as a fugitive from the metallurgy flagball team, he won't get more than five per cent on his flotation lab.

The Most Valuable Player: Al McFadyen

Al played just about every position on both offense and defense, as well as being the team punter and field goal kicker. He excelled in everything he did.

Our computer then picked an all-star team of officials. There are three at each game, a first referee, a second, and a linesman-timer. Points were allotted to each official on his knowledge of the rules, his impartiality, and how he kept the game under control.

Nick Drager was chosen as all-star first referee with Joe Dylewski, and Bob Bell following in that order. None of the other officials got any points.

Ron Kelly was chosen as all-star second referee in a landslide. All other candidates got minus points.

Gary Peacock won hands down as linesman-timer.

FINAL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Section I	W	L	T	Pts.	Section III	W	L	T	Pts.
Med IIA	4	0	0	8	Imports	4	0	0	8
Beaver Shooters	3	1	0	6	Architects	3	1	0	6
Plumbers	2	2	0	4	Flying Circus	3	1	0	6
Med III	1	2	1	3	Les Animaux	2	2	0	4
Spartans	1	3	0	2	BioChem	1	3	0	2
Law I	0	3	1	1	Malocclusions	1	3	0	2
					Med IB	0	4	0	0
Section II	W	L	T	Pts.	Section IV	W	L	T	Pts.
Joke Squad	3	1	0	6	Grads	4	0	0	8
Talbotians	3	1	0	6	Alesmen	3	1	0	6
Subpoenas	3	1	0	6	Med IIB	2	2	0	4
Nads	2	2	0	4	Spectrum	1	3	0	2
DaBeeg Team	2	2	0	4	Law II	1	3	0	2
Med IA	1	3	0	2	Molars	1	3	0	2
Morticians	0	4	0	0	Cleat Laces	0	4	0	0

FINAL SOCCER STANDINGS

Group I	W	L	T	Pts.	Group III	W	L	T	Pts.
Caribbeans	3	0	0	6	Warriors	3	0	1	7
Sigs	2	1	0	4	Eng I	2	1	1	5
Eng II	2	1	0	4	Path Cats	2	2	0	4
BiPegs	0	3	0	0	Mezuzahs	2	2	0	4
					Arab Students	0	4	0	4
Group II	W	L	T	Pts.	Group IV	W	L	T	Pts.
PGSS	4	0	0	8	Nemisses	3	0	0	6
Ukes	3	1	0	6	Metallurgy	2	1	0	4
Grads	2	2	0	4	Chinese Students	1	2	0	2
Offensive	1	3	0	2	Misfits	0	3	0	0
Dio	0	4	0	0					

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Name	Team	Pts.
Dylewski	(Talbotians)	36
Mauro	(Med IIA)	34
Palmer	(Architects)	22
Moore	(Plumbers)	22
McFadyen	(DaBeeg Team)	22
Einarson	(Plumbers)	20
Mandel	(Subpoenas)	20
Walker	(Spectrum)	18
Mardinger	(Alesmen)	18
Tritt	(Med IIB)	18
Maldoff	(Les Animaux)	18

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Monday, November 1 1:00 p.m. L.C. Talbotians vs. Flying Circus; 5:15 p.m. M.S. Imports vs. Spectrum; 6:15 p.m. M.S.q Architects vs. Med IIB.
Tuesday, November 2 1:00 p.m. M.S. Joke Squad vs. Les Animaux; 5:15 p.m. M.S. Med IIA vs. Nads. Times and locations of other playoff games will be decided on Monday morning.

SOCCER PLAYOFFS:

Monday, November 1 5:30 p.m. F.F. Caribbeans vs. Ukes; 6:30 p.m. F.F. P.G.S.S. vs. Eng I; 7:30 p.m. F.F. Warriors vs. Metallurgy Grads; 8:30 p.m. F.F. Nemisses vs. Sigs

ICE HOCKEY EXHIBITIONS:

Monday, November 1 8:15 p.m. Grads vs. Medicine
Tuesday, November 2 8:15 p.m. Education vs. Science
Thursday, November 4 8:15 p.m. Dentistry vs. Management

CINE-SPORTS:

Montreal "Expos" Highlights 1970 — Wednesday, November 3, at 1:15 p.m. in Room G 20 at the Currie Gymnasium.

FLOOR HOCKEY: Games will begin on Wednesday, November 10

VOLLEYBALL: Team Entries close on Tuesday, November 2

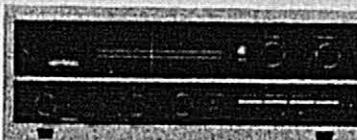
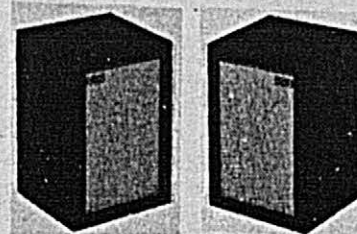
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by laurie breger

Redmen bow out, reporters drown sorrows

We glided up the two flights of stairs to the staff lounge of the Currie Gym. We had such noble intentions: a parley with the coaches about the freshly-wilted football game and season; a discussion of the prospects of the sport at McGill next year; perhaps some feature interviews. Well, the best laid plans of mice and men . . .

The Redmen had just succumbed to the divinely-inspired strength of the Bishop's Gaiters. Bishop's was ordained before the season began to "deal swiftly and objectively with any non-believers." This apparently included those of almost any school of thought—atheists, agnostics, communists, antagonists—because the Gaiters were not to be repressed.

They have literally eaten all opposition that crossed their path, and without sparing the mastication, either. Their journey to McGill, lounged upon a number-one-ranking-in-the-nation cushion, did, shall we say, whet a few appetites.

During the course of the schedule, McGill had proven to be the strongest opposition in the league. The disappointing 22-16 loss in the season opener against Bishop's had left the Redmen itching at a chance for reprisal.

As fate would have it they got it on Saturday, and the "itch" was not soothed, but aggravated to the point of malignancy.

nancy.

In the first half the Gaiters were more or less contained. McGill even opened up the scoring on a one yard sneak by quarterback Dis Auders. The drive was rescued by a fine feint punt attempt by Bill Swinden, who loped 17 yards on a crucial third-and-ten situation deep in Gaiter territory.

The Redmen did make some progress through the air in the opening half. End Ron Kelly was the target of three Auders completions that covered some 70 yards.

Whatever force that had been empowering McGill to withstand the Gaiters' might, completely dissipated in the second half. On the short end of an 11-7 halftime deficit, the Redmen's flame of fortune was still flickering when they took to the field.

But alas, a look into our crystal ball yields one particular play as the "turning point" of the contest: David Humes gambled on an attempted interception early in the third quarter. Had he succeeded he had the entire sideline ahead to ramble for a touchdown that would have sprung McGill into the lead.

Instead, Humes' diving stab merely deflected the ball into the arms of an awaiting Gaiter. Bishop's then erupted for the first of five second-half majors that left the Redmen somewhere on the corner of humiliation and oblivion.



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Then again, had Humes caught the ball, maybe he would have been tackled anyways. Or maybe he would have tripped, or fumbled, or retched.

The moral: You shouldn't play football with crystal balls.

The final verdict was Bishop's 45, McGill 7, fans about 2500 (fans win).

And now we return to the staff lounge of the Currie Gym. The *Daily* contingent has forgone all attempts at humility and unobtrusiveness. Well advanced on that evil path to inebriation, we are in the process of stumbling quite aimlessly about the room seeking out some comrade to reinforce our already waning prestige.

One of my colleagues is flashing around some CBC researcher's card that seems to carry a lot of weight, especially with the bartender. We start a conversation with some drunk who claimed to be a Chemistry professor at Bishop's who spends about an hour exchanging jokes with us and talking about how he loves resonating in sp3 orbitals or something like that.

We soon find ourselves buzzing around the table where drink tickets are sold and demand some complimentary stubs considering our selfless dedication in covering the team during the trials and tribulations of the season. We soon became a tribulation ourselves upon refusal of the aforementioned drink tickets. In a stupor my colleague passes the following hour and a half telling the budding young woman selling the tickets how beautiful she is, totally unconcerned that her husband is several paces away.

I myself was immersed in a tete-à-tete with a sexy sexagenarian who seemed quite intent on laying all the shortcomings of the Redmen on my frail shoulders.

The football season was over, but nobody at that point seemed to care.

FINAL STANDINGS

	G	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Bishop's	6	6	0	0	277	36	12
Loyola	6	4	1	1	141	88	9
McGill	6	3	2	1	149	106	7
Sir George	6	2	4	0	81	119	4
RMC	6	1	5	0	50	171	2
Montreal	6	1	5	0	31	219	2

HOOPSTERS HAVE MORE LUCK

The McGill Basketball Redmen fared better against Bishop's this weekend than their football counterparts. Led by a 21-point performance by John Naponick, they posted a 66-58 victory in the season debut. Further details during the week. . .



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THREE REDMEN DEFENDERS (above) seem quite intent on putting a stop to things. McGill was unsuccessful enough at doing just that as we were over-run by Bishop's, 45-7. Solemnity prevailed, as exemplified by the two gentlemen at the upper right.